



To: Medicaid and PeachCare Providers

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Re: Georgia Healthy Families Implementation  
Atlanta and Central Regions

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Today begins a new chapter for the Georgia Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids programs as we kicked off Georgia Healthy Families in the Atlanta and Central regions of the state. The Department and its partners have worked hard to prepare for this transition to a new health care delivery system with new standards of care coordination, wellness and prevention services, and most importantly, consumer choice.

We appreciate the assistance you have provided in educating your members on Georgia Healthy Families and thank you for your continued commitment to this effort. The Department would like to emphasize some important information to share with your members:

- While many Medicaid members have transitioned into Georgia Healthy Families, there are still approximately 400,000 members in a Fee-for-Service program.
- The Atlanta and Central regions are the only regions effective with the CMOs (WellCare, Amerigroup and Peach State Health Plan) at this time.
- The North, East, Southeast and Southwest regions must continue to operate under the current Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) guidelines and billing procedures until September 1.
- As a Medicaid and PeachCare provider, you are obligated to provide care to FFS members (non-CMO) statewide.
- For members enrolled in a CMO, claims incurred prior to June 1 should be submitted to ACS for payment; claims incurred after June 1 should be submitted to the members' CMO for payment.
- Always check member eligibility prior to the member receiving services. CMO eligibility information is available for viewing on the GHP web portal ([www.ghp.georgia.gov](http://www.ghp.georgia.gov))
- Check with the members' CMO for primary care physician (PCP) information prior to member receiving services.
- If you are a Vaccine for Children (VFC) provider, please continue to use the GRITS (Georgia Immunization Registry) system regardless of members FFS or Managed Care affiliation for tracking usage.

The Department wants to ensure that accurate information is provided to your members. With that in mind, we will be glad to verify any information related to Georgia Healthy Families that you send statewide through fax blasts, e-mails, etc.